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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Nobutaka IDA et al.
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FILED: June 2, 1997 EXAMINER: L. Sun-Hoffman
FOR: DRUG FOR TREATING BONE DISORDERS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 10, 1998

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 10, 1997, the due date for reply having been extended two (2) months to November 10, 1998, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~11~~ and ~~12~~ without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claim as follows:

Claim 7. (Twice Amended) A method for [a] treating a bone disorder comprising administering an effective bone disorder treating amount of interferon β or an interferon inducer to a patient suffering from said bone disorder; wherein said bone